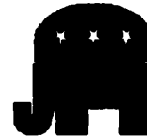


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**Re: Complaint against Michael Bond – Announced Candidate for Representative
in Congress for the 10th District of Illinois**

Dear Ms. Duncan:

I respectfully file this complaint against Michael Bond, an announced candidate for Congress in the 10th District of Illinois, for failing to file his Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2)¹ within 15 days of becoming a candidate as required by FEC regulations. The FEC registration and disclosure requirements serve important public interests by ensuring that the public has an opportunity to evaluate who is supporting a candidate and how he spends his campaign funds. Disclosure is at the heart of the campaign finance laws and should be taken seriously by those who aspire to federal office. The information listed below is based upon information from publicly available sources.

On April 29, 2009, Michael Bond issued a press release announcing his candidacy for Congress. The Pioneer Press and the Daily Herald, two prominent publications in northern Illinois, covered his statement. On April 29, 2009, the *Pioneer Press* published this quote²:

"After speaking with people in our communities, listening to their ideas and hearing their concerns, I've decided to run for Congress," said Bond, D-31st, of Grayslake, in a written statement. "Our country is facing enormous challenges. Decisions are being made that will affect Americans for generations to come, and it's important to have people in Washington who will take a fresh approach to today's problems, who will fight for what's right and get something done."

Also on April 29, 2009, the *Daily Herald's Animal Farm Blog* posted Bond's complete statement declaring his candidacy for Congress³.

¹ Federal Election Commission <http://www.fec.gov/pdf/forms/fecfrm2i.pdf>

² Roszkowski, John. "Bond to Go for the 10th Seat." *Pioneer Press*. April 29, 2009

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State Sen. Michael Bond, a Grayslake Democrat, has officially declared his run for the 10th District Congressional seat now held by U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, a Highland Park Republican...

Over 15 days have transpired since Bond announced his candidacy for Congress and thus he is in violation of FEC regulations, including 11 CFR secs. 101.1(a) and 102.12(a).

Additionally, Bond has demonstrated that he is beginning to expend funds by putting several consultants on retainer for his campaign. On April 23, 2009, Roll Call reported⁴:

Bond has tapped John Lapp to do his media campaign, Bennett, Petts & Normington to his polling and Ed Peavy to do direct mail for the race, according to one source familiar with the arrangement. The source also said a former aide to Rep. Melissa Bean (D), Brian Herman, will manage his campaign.

I ask the Commission to immediately investigate this matter, and if the FEC finds that Mr. Bond violated the law, impose the maximum penalty under law.

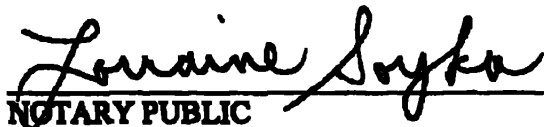
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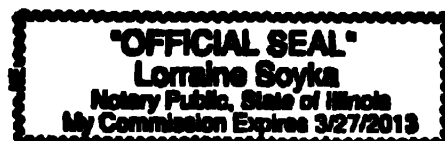
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of May, 2009.



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³ Ryan, Joseph, "Bond now in 10th District race." *Daily Herald – Animal Farm Blog*. April 29, 2009

⁴ Toeplitz, Shira. "Illinois: Bond gearing up to run in 10th District." *Roll Call*. April 23, 2009

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Bond to go for 10th seat

(<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/highlandpark/news/1550717,lake-county-bondbid-042908-e1.article>)

April 29, 2008

By JOHN ROSZKOWSKI jroszkowski@pioneerlocal.com

State Sen. Michael Bond announced Wednesday that he will be a Democratic candidate for the 10th Congressional District seat currently held by U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-10th, of Highland Park.

"After speaking with people in our communities, listening to their ideas and hearing their concerns, I've decided to run for Congress," said Bond, D-31th, of Grayslake, in a written statement. "Our country is facing enormous challenges. Decisions are being made that will affect Americans for generations to come, and it's important to have people in Washington who will take a fresh approach to today's problems, who will fight for what's right and get something done."

"There is a lot at stake — rebuilding our nation's economy, enacting sustainable energy policies, promoting fiscal discipline — and I know I can make a real difference," said Bond. "I am heartened by the strong support and encouragement I've been getting from across the district, and I'm looking forward to a spirited debate about the issues and ideas that will lead us into the future."

Bond could not be reached to comment further about his decision Wednesday. A formal announcement event is expected to take place in a few weeks.

Bond was elected to the Board of Education for Woodland School District 50 in 2005, and then in 2008, he won a close race in the 31st State Senate District against Republican Suzanne Simpson.

Prior to his 2008 election to the state senate, he served as a director of corporate finance at Northbrook-based Allstate Insurance Co.

Bond will likely not be the only Democratic candidate vying for the seat.

State Sen. Susan Garrett, D-29th, of Lake Forest said she is seriously considering a bid for 10th Congressional District seat in 2010 should U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk decide to run for U.S. Senate or governor. Kirk has said he is considering a bid for governor or U.S. Senate but has not yet made any decisions.

Garrett said Wednesday she heard the news from several friends and supporters that Bond was planning to enter the congressional race.

"What's somewhat surprising to me is that he has chosen to run in a congressional district where he's never represented the voters," she said.

Garrett said several friends and supporters have urged her to jump into the race and is strongly considering a bid.

"I haven't made a decision yet, but I plan to do so," she said. "This is not a political calculation for me. I do live in the district and I have represented the voters of this district in Springfield for over 10 years." Garrett said she plans to hold a public meeting in the near future to get input from her constituents as to whether she should run for the congressional seat.

"I want to do what's in the best interest of this congressional district," she said.

Democrat Dan Seals, a Wilmette businessman who ran unsuccessfully against Kirk for Congress in 2006 and 2008, said he is weighing another bid for the 10th District seat but has made no decisions.

"I have not made any decisions, but it's very humbling (because) people have stopped me on the streets and asked me to run so I am strongly considering it," he said.

Seals said he's considering several factors, but does not think the other candidates in the race would affect his decision.

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"I think the support is likely to be there and I think I can do a good job, regardless of who is running against me," he said.

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Bond now in 10th District race

Posted by Joseph Ryan on Wed, 04/29/2009 - 11:21

State Sen. Michael Bond, a Grayslake Democrat, has officially declared his run for the 10th District Congressional seat now held by U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, a Highland Park Republican expected to soon announce his run for U.S. Senate.

Other potential challengers on the Dem side for this north suburban seat include state Sen. Susan Garrett of Lake Forest and Dan Seals, who lost to Kirk twice. Both Garrett and Bond were set to meet with Democratic leaders in Washington, D.C. this week.

Here is Bond's release:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 29, 2009

Statement from Illinois Senator Michael Bond (D-31) announcing today that he will run for Congress in the 10th District:

"After speaking with people in our communities, listening to their ideas and hearing their concerns, I've decided to run for Congress. Our country is facing enormous challenges. Decisions are being made that will affect Americans for generations to come, and it's important to have people in Washington who will take a fresh approach to today's problems, who will fight for what's right and get something done.

"That's what motivated me to first serve on the school board and then the State Senate. Because too many politicians, particularly those in Washington, forget the reason the people sent them there in the first place - to find solutions and produce results.

"There is a lot at stake - rebuilding our nation's economy, enacting sustainable energy policies, promoting fiscal discipline - and, I know I can make a real difference.

"I am heartened by the strong support and encouragement I've been getting from across the district. And I'm looking forward to a spirited debate about the issues and ideas that will lead us into the future."

A formal announcement event will take place in a few weeks.

ABOUT SENATOR BOND

State Senator Michael Bond's first campaign for public office was in 2005, when he was elected to the Board of Education for Woodland School District 50, the largest elementary school in Lake County and the 5th largest school in the state of Illinois at that time. In 2006, Bond was elected to represent the 31st State Senate District in Chicago's northern suburbs, a district that had not elected a Democrat in generations. Bond outperformed the typical Democratic performance of 44% by 7 points to defeat his Republican opponent.

As a member of the Illinois Senate, Bond has been a fiscal conservative, social moderate and strong environmentalist. He has been a vocal critic of state budget practices and has fought for budget accountability and transparency. Bond has focused on issues that affect the quality of life of suburban families, such tax fairness, transportation and education, as well as economic development, renewable energy and veterans' issues. He has supported efforts to improve government accountability and clean-up Springfield. Bond is Chair of the Telecommunications & Technology Committee and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Prior to his 2006 election, Bond served as a Director of Corporate Finance at Northbrook, Illinois-based Allstate Insurance Company. Bond joined Allstate in 1995 as an Associate Financial Analyst. He earned eight promotions in his first eight years with the company, and was eventually promoted to Director in 2003 at the age of 33. Over the past 14 years, he has held various finance and budgeting positions with an emphasis in strategic planning, forecasting, risk management, valuation and negotiation. He has a BA in Economics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and an MBA from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

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He's watched control of state government go from Republican red to solid Democratic blue, Barack Obama's rise to stardom and George Ryan's fall from grace.

He's covered presidential conventions in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston and New York, made coffee runs for D.C. editors as an intern and now helps guide reporting interns as the senior state government editor in the Daily Herald's Springfield bureau.

Joseph Ryan cut his teeth covering Gov. Rod Blagojevich's first session, voter fraud and pedophile priests.

Today he covers projects and politics for the Daily Herald, focusing on making politics make sense and making public policy make good.

Ryan followed the presidential campaign trail in Illinois and Ohio and covered numerous other races, including the Phil Crane and Melissa Bean battle. He has also exposed systemic problems with the state's gambling policy and the tollway's I-PASS system.

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Bond is a member of St. Joseph's Church and the local Sierra Club, and is active in parent-coaching many youth sports including t-ball and soccer. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 14 years and live in Grayslake with their three children Ethan, Georgia Kate and Elliott.

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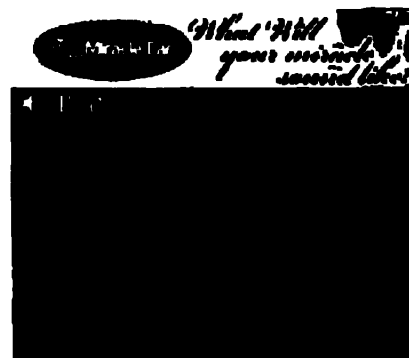
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Who in the 10th district is supporting Mr. Bond's run?

I am a longtime resident of the 10th district and closely follow politics but have never heard of Mr. Bond. I heard that he was from the 8th? It would be good to know who in our district has given him "strong support and encouragement" that he refers to and if he is a newer resident or non-resident, what is his knowledge of the issues that we face in the 10th?

Posted by a2736 on Wed, 04/29/2009 - 14:32

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Illinois: Bond Gearing Up to Run in 10th District

April 23, 2009
By Shira Toeplitz
Roll Call Staff

State Sen. Michael Bond (D) is gearing up to run for Rep. Mark Kirk's (R) seat, according to sources familiar with the situation. Kirk is pondering a bid for Senate in 2010, and his departure would make his north Chicagoland seat a prime pickup opportunity for Democrats.

Bond has tapped John Lapp to do his media campaign, Bennett, Petts & Normington to his polling and Ed Peavy to do direct mail for the race, according to one source familiar with the arrangement. The source also said a former aide to Rep. Melissa Bean (D), Brian Herman, will manage his campaign.

Bond and two other Democrats are making moves to run for the seat. State Sen. Susan Garrett is also considering a bid and plans to meet with campaign officials in Washington, D.C., this month.

The 2006 and 2008 Democratic nominee, marketing consultant Dan Seals, has indicated he would run a third time only if Kirk retires.

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Roosevelt University; Allstate Insurance Company, Director of
Corporate Finance; elected to serve 31st Legislative District,
November 2006; resides in Grayslake with wife, Jennifer, and
their three children.

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